

## Memorandum

**CL-C 37-2024**

**Subject:** Niagara Regional Police Service Board Composition

**Date:** April 25, 2024

**To:** Regional Council

**From:** Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

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On April 1, 2024, the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CPSA), came into force. This Act replaces the former Police Services Act.

In 1991, Niagara Region applied to the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and was approved, to increase the size of the Police Service Board from five (5) to seven (7) Board Members. The Board Members include the head of the municipal council or, if the head chooses not to be a member of the board, another member of the council appointed by resolution of the council; two members of the council appointed by resolution of the council; one person appointed by resolution of the council, who is neither a member of the council nor an employee of the municipality; and three persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

In accordance with Section 31(3) of the CSPA, Council is required to pass a resolution respecting the Board's composition. The Niagara Regional Police Service Board has requested that the Board composition be maintained at seven (7) members.

If Council is supportive of maintaining the Board's composition at seven (7) members as requested, the following motion would be in order:

That Regional Council **CONFIRM** the composition of the Niagara Regional Police Service Board to be seven (7) members to include the head of the municipal council or, if the head chooses not to be a member of the board, another member of the council appointed by resolution of the council; two members of the council appointed by resolution of the council; one person appointed by resolution of the council, who is neither a member of the council nor an employee of the municipality; and three persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, as provided in Section 31(5) of the Community Safety and Policing Act.

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For Council's information, another important change that took effect on April 1, 2024, is a legal name change to the Police Service Board. Pursuant to subsection 31(1) of the CSPA the legal name "Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board" will be changed to "Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Service Board". The change is to the word "Services" which is no longer plural.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk